

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MAPUTO 00029 01 OF 02 071704Z

ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 IO-13 AID-05 /080 W

-----071724Z 105699 /43

O 071601Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5385

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 MAPUTO 029

DAR FOR EDMONDSON

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, RH

SUBJ: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE IVOR RICHARD VISIT

1. FOLLOWING ARE THE EMBASSY'S TRANSLATIONS OF THE TWO ARTICLES WHICH APPEARED IN THE JANUARY 7 NOTICIAS ON THE VISIT OF BRITISH ENVOY IVOR RICHARD.

2. BEGIN TEXT OF BACK PAGE ARTICLE: MAPUTO, JAN 6 (AIM).
OBJECTIVE: INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE - IVOR RICHARD'S HOPEFUL DEPARTURE: "ALTHOUGH I CANNOT SAY THAT THERE WAS FULL AGREEMENT ON ALL THE POINTS OF VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE MEETING I HAD WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL, OUR RESPECTIVE OVERALL PERSPECTIVES ON THE RHODESIAN PROBLEM WERE INDEED QUITE SIMILAR," DECLARED MR. IVOR RICHARD, CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA TALKS ON RHODESIA AT MAVALANE AIRPORT THIS AFTERNOON.

IN A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD SHORTLY BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR DAR ES SALAAM, WHERE HE WILL MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MAPUTO 00029 01 OF 02 071704Z

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA JULIUS NYERERE, THAT DIPLOMAT SUMMED UP THE TALKS HE HAD IN THE MORNING WITH PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL. RICHARD REMARKED THAT THEY HAD GONE "EXTREMELY WELL." THE PRESIDENT GAVE ME A COMPREHENSIVE AND ENCOURAGING WELCOME. WE HAD A LONG AND DETAILED CONVERSATION, AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE SIMILARITY BETWEEN HIS POSITION AND MY OWN. WE AGREED THAT THE PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVE WAS TO ACHIEVE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION FROM

A MINORITY REGIME TO ONE OF THE MAJORITY, PAVING THE WAY FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WOULD ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ARMED STRUGGLE BY PEACEFUL MEANS.

AS FOR THE ANNOUNCED INTENTION OF GREAT BRITAIN TO INTEGRATE THE RACIST ARMY OF SMITH WITH THAT OF THE NATIONALIST GUERRILLA FORCES IN ORDER TO FORM THE ARMED FORCES OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT OF RHODESIA, HE DECLARED THAT HE BELIEVED THIS TO BE POSSIBLE" BECAUSE ONE MUST TREAT THIS PROBLEM WITHIN THE PERSPECTIVE OF AN AGREEMENT WHICH WOULD HAVE TO BE CONCLUDED BETWEEN ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE "FRONT-LINE" COUNTRIES, OF GREAT BRITAIN AND OF SOUTH AFRICA. WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH TWO ARMIES WHICH FOUGHT EACH OTHER AND WHO IN THE FUTURE WILL BE SWEARING ALLEGIANCE TO A LEGAL REGIME, WHICH WILL BE THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH WE WOULD CONSIDER LEGITIMATE."

RICHARD NEXT REVEALED THAT THE PUPPET ZUPO PARTY ELEMENTS HEADED BY TRIBAL CHIEFS LOYAL TO SMITH HAD CONTACTED HIM IN SALISBURY ON JANUARY 3RD EXPRESSING THEIR INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE GENEVA TALKS. "AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE, I SHALL HAVE TO THINK ABOUT THIS MATTER AND LATER I WILL ANNOUNCE MY DECISION. HOWEVER, I MIGHT SAY THAT IT SEEMS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT FOR ANY ONE TO TRY TO JOIN A CONFERENCE WHICH BEGAN SOME TEN WEEKS AGO..." HE REMARKED.

"I VERY MUCH WANTED TO SPEAK TO THE LEADERS OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, BUT NKOMO AND MUGABE SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE READY TO DO SO ONLY IN A JOINT MEETING. UNFORTUNATELY, THEY ARE NOT

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 MAPUTO 00029 01 OF 02 071704Z

PRESENTLY IN MAPUTO, BUT I SHALL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR THEM TO EXPLAIN THE NEW PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE TALKS," HE ADDED IN A REPLY TO A QUESTION OF WHETHER HE HAD CONTACTED THE NATIONALISTS IN HIS RECENT TRIP.

AS FOR THE ATTITUDE THAT GREAT BRITAIN WILL ASSUME IN CASE THERE IS A GENERAL CONSENSUS ON THE PROPOSALS, EXCEPT FOR THE SALISBURY REGIME, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE STATED THAT "IN SUCH A CASE WE WILL HAVE TO PERSUADE SMITH, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, THAT THE PROPOSALS ARE SENSIBLE AND THAT HE SHOULD ABIDE BY THEM".

ASKED IF THE "PERSUASION" MIGHT INCLUDE RECOURSE TO PRESSURE THROUGH VORSTER, THE DIPLOMAT REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, COMMENTING THAT "I DO NOT EXCLUDE ANY ALTERNATIVE."

DISCUSSING THE PROBLEM OF THE INFLUX OF BRITISH MERCENARIES INTO RHODESIA TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF THE ARMY AND AS PAID FORCES OF THE ILLEGAL REGIME, RICHARD EXPLAINED THAT IN HIS

COUNTRY THERE WAS NO LAW WHICH PERMITTED THE WITHHOLDING OF A PASSPORT FROM ANY BRITISH CITIZEN. ACCORDINGLY, ANY CITIZEN OF GREAT BRITAIN COULD TRAVEL TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD, PROVIDED HE HAD HIS OWN TICKET. "HOWEVER, THERE ARE PREENTLY BEING DISCUSSED IN THE PARLIAMENT LAWS WHICH WOULD FORBID THE RECRUITMENT OF MERCENARIES IN GREAT BRITAIN."

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 MAPUTO 00029 02 OF 02 071709Z
ACTION AF-08

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00
CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05
PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 IO-13 AID-05 /080 W
-----071723Z 105817 /43

O 071601Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5386

INFO AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 MAPUTO 029

DAR FOR EDMONDSON

THE BRITISH STATESMAN FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT THE SECOND SERIES OF TALKS ON ZIMBABWE MUST RESUME IN GENEVA, ALTHOUGH IT WAS HIS WISH THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN HELD IN AN AFRICAN COUNTRY. THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE SINCE NO COUNTRY WOULD PERMIT THE ENTRY OF ALL THE INTERESTED PARTIES. "IN THE MEANTIME, SHOULD WE SUCCEED IN LOCATING AN ALTERNATIVE, I SHALL EMBRACE IT WITH A GLAD HEART."

AS FOR THE RESUMPTION OF THE TALKS, INITIALLY EXPECTED ON JANUARY 17TH, HE REVEALED FINALLY THAT IT SEEMS INEVITABLE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE DELAYED SINCE THERE WERE MANY CONTACTS STILL TO BE MADE. END TEXT

3. BEGIN TEXT OF PAGE 3 ARTICLE: CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE YESTERDAY MORNING IN MAPUTO BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE AND A DELEGATION FROM GREAT BRITAIN, HEADED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENEVA TALKS ON ZIMBABWE, IVOR RICHARD, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CONSULTATIONS

BEING HELD BY THIS BRITISH DIPLOMAT WITH THE FRONT-LINE STATES.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 MAPUTO 00029 02 OF 02 071709Z

"WE ARE SURE THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE THE MODALITIES OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE" - SAID THE PRESIDENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE, SAMORA MACHEL, SPEAKING TO THE BRITISH DELEGATION AT THE START OF THE CONVERSATIONS.

LATER, PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL SAID THAT THE GENEVA TALKS HAD TAKEN A DECISIVE STEP ON THE QUESTION OF ZIMBABWE BY CLARIFYING THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT IS THE PRINCIPLE OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH HAS ALREADY BEEN ACCEPTED AND IS NOT IN QUESTION.

"WHAT IS NOW IN DISPUTE ARE THE MODALITIES OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE" REMARKED PRESIDENT SAMORA MACHEL.

IVOR RICHARD DECLARED ALSO THAT HE AGREED WITH THE SPIRIT WHICH PREVAILED AT THIS MEETING BY SAYING: "OUR OBJECTIVE HERE IS TO DISCUSS THE MODALITIES OF THE TRANSFER OF POWER TO THE MAJORITY IN ZIMBABWE, SO THAT WE CAN PUT AN END TO THE ARMED CONFLICT."

THE CHIEF OF THE BRITISH DELEGATION CONCLUDED BY MENTIONING THE IMPORTANT ROLE THAT THE MOZAMBIKAN OBSERVERS IN GENEVA HAD (PLAYED) DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONFERENCE. END TEXT
DE PREE

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TEXT, PRESS COMMENTS, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977MAPUTO00029
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770007-0417
Format: TEL
From: MAPUTO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770172/aaaackrn.tel
Line Count: 203
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 999530dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 4
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05-Oct-2004 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3645500
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MOZAMBIQUE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE IVOR RICHARD VISIT
TAGS: PFOR, MZ, RH, UK, (RICHARD, IVOR)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/999530dc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009